

ORDER
STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT
C9-85-1506

In re Public Hearing on the Ranking of Relative Need for Additional Judgeships

WHEREAS, the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 2.722, Subd. 1a (1985), prescribe certain procedures to determine whether a judicial position which is vacated by the retirement of an incumbent judge should be continued, transferred or abolished;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has been notified of possible future vacancies occasioned by judicial retirements;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court intends to transfer judicial vacancies which it determines not to be needed in their present judicial districts in accord with the relative need indicated by weighted caseload information;

WHEREAS, the ranking of relative need presently indicated by the weighted caseload study is:

Vacancy 1	Tenth District
Vacancy 2	Tenth District
Vacancy 3	Fourth District
Vacancy 4	Fourth District
Vacancy 5	First District
Vacancy 6	Tenth District

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court wishes to hold a public hearing to receive relevant supplemental information regarding judicial needs from interested persons;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a public hearing be held in the Supreme Court Chambers, State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota at 9:00 a.m. on October 15, 1985 to allow interested persons to present information relevant to the proposed ranking of relative need for additional judgeships.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that persons wishing to have the Supreme Court consider information concerning the proposed ranking of relative need for additional judgeships shall file 10 copies of a written summary of such information, and indicate, if applicable, their desire to make an oral presentation at the hearing, with the Supreme Court at least five days before the hearing at the following address: Clerk of Appellate Courts, 230 State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that persons who wish to obtain information concerning the weighted caseload analysis and its application to the possible transfer of future judicial vacancies to the First, Fourth, and Tenth Judicial Districts shall direct their inquiries to: Debra L. Dailey, 40 North Milton Street, Suite 201, St. Paul, Minnesota 55104.

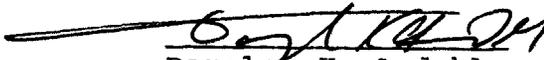
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TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



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Chief Justice Douglas K. Amdahl
and Associate Justices of the
Minnesota Supreme Court
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St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

RE: PROPOSED RANKING OF RELATIVE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIPS

Dear Justices:

This letter states the request and recommendation of the judges of the Tenth Judicial District regarding the ranking of relative needs for additional judgeships pursuant to the Supreme Court's Order C9-85-1506, dated September 23, 1985.

The Tenth Judicial District consists of eight counties which are suburban and rural in nature. The District currently has 24 judges (including the judgeship chambered in Sherburne County, which was created by the Legislature in the last session). The 24 judges are chambered as indicated on the map attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

The Tenth District acknowledges and endorses the reliance placed by the Supreme Court on weighted caseload statistical analysis in determining judge need as described in the Supreme Court Order and Memorandum, No. C9-85-1506, dated October 2, 1985. The Tenth District has used weighted caseload analysis continually since statistics have been available to determine judge need in the District and to assign judges throughout the district.

The Tenth District endorses the proposed "ranking" of available judgeships which would transfer the first two and the sixth judgeships to the Tenth District. The Tenth District further recommends that consideration be given to transferring the third available judgeship to the Tenth District.

The judges of the Tenth Judicial District unanimously resolved on October 9, 1985 to request that 4 additional judgeships be created in the Tenth Judicial District because of the District's present caseload and need as determined by the weighted caseload studies.

The requests and recommendations of the Tenth Judicial District are based upon the weighted caseload study prepared by the State Court Administrator's office dated August 1, 1985 (attached hereto as Exhibit 2); and the Tenth Judicial District weighted caseload statistics prepared by the Tenth Judicial District Administration dated October 9, 1985 (attached hereto as Exhibit 3). The weighted caseload study prepared by the State Court Administrator's office indicates a weighted caseload judicial need in the Tenth Judicial District of 27.4 judges as of 1983, which was the last year for which the State Court

Administrator prepared weighted caseload statistics for the Tenth Judicial District. The Tenth Judicial District "unified" effective January 11, 1984 and has operated as a totally unified judicial district since that time. The State has not furnished weighted caseload statistics for the Tenth Judicial District since the date of unification. The Tenth Judicial District Administrator's office has prepared weighted caseload statistics for 1984 and 1985. These statistics, as presented in Exhibit 3, indicate a present weighted caseload need in the Tenth Judicial District of 27.98 judges, as compared to a present staffing of 24 judges. The Tenth Judicial District weighted caseload need of 27.98 judges was arrived at by using the SJIS statistics furnished by the State Court Administrator's office and applying the formulas regarding weighted case units and judicial equivalents recommended by State Court Administration to accurately reflect the need in the Tenth Judicial District. These calculations have been furnished to the State Court Administrator's office for their analysis and review. The calculations appear appropriate in view of our unification and assignment procedures within the Tenth Judicial District and properly reflect the judicial need that exists in this district.

The history of the need for additional judges in this district is amply documented and is available in detail from the State Court Administrator's office. From the inception of the State Judicial Information System in 1976 until the current time, the Tenth Judicial District has continuously experienced a need for additional judges. The Tenth Judicial District has continuously experienced tremendous growth in population, case filings and caseload. The Legislature recognized this need in 1982 by creating 4 additional judgeships and again recognized the ongoing need for additional judges this last session by creating one additional judgeship. Experience and statistics indicate that even with this help, the growth in the Tenth Judicial District has outpaced the increase in judge time available, and the Tenth Judicial District continues to demonstrate a need for additional judges.

Demographic studies and population growth support the conclusions from the weighted caseload studies. The total population of the Tenth Judicial District in 1980 was 479,507. In 1985 the current population is 534,815. This trend in population growth is expected to continue at the current pace well through the year 2000, and the total population in the year 2010 is estimated at 812,108 (see Exhibit 4 compiled from the State Planning Agency statistics for 1983 and Exhibit 5 projected population by judicial districts, also from the State Planning Agency 1983). Six of the ten fastest growing counties in Minnesota are in the Tenth Judicial District (see Exhibit 6). The statistics on case activations from the State Court Administrator's office show a steady increase which correlates with the population growth and weighted caseload statistics.

The Tenth Judicial District has attempted to use all means available to increase the efficiency of its court system in serving the public and providing access to the courts. Since 1977, before unification, judges of the District Court and Judges of the County Court have heard matters in either court as needed and as assigned by the chief judge. This flexibility in utilization of judge time increased the efficiency of our courts. The Tenth Judicial District was the first district to unify its court system and that unification became effective January 11, 1984. Since that time, all judges of the district have been able

to hear all kinds of cases regardless of case type or location. This flexibility, combined with aggressive scheduling and case management techniques and daily monitoring of the judge needs throughout our eight county district, have allowed us to provide judge services where needed in a most efficient manner. The indicated caseload statistics are used in creating an assignment plan to place the judges where the work is expected to arise. The day-to-day experience does not always match those expectations and as a result, judges are requested to travel outside of their pre-determined assignment to handle cases in any courthouse where an overload occurs on a day-to-day basis. The system in the Tenth Judicial District is not perfect, but the procedures and techniques currently in use have served to match caseload to judge time in the interest of eliminating delay and providing access to the courts for the litigants. The measures taken in the Tenth Judicial District have been successful; however, the attorneys and litigants are still sometimes inconvenienced and hearings and trials are delayed because of the "shuffling" of judges to match daily case requirements.

The weighted caseload statistics supplied by the State Court Administrator's office show that WCL was not calculated for the Tenth District since 1983 or the Fourth District since 1982. Tenth District Administration has made weighted caseload calculations for 1985 using annualized 1985 activations supplied by the State Court Administrator. The judges of the Tenth District believe that the need indicated in Exhibit 3, 27.98 judges, is an accurate reflection of current need. The Tenth District statistics for 1985 clearly support the transfer of the first two available judgeships to the Tenth District as proposed by the Supreme Court Order. The Tenth District believes that these 1985 statistics may further support the transfer of the third available judgeship to the Tenth District rather than to some other district, and simply requests that a detailed analysis of relative need be made from the best and most recent weighted caseload statistics available.

The judges of the Tenth Judicial District unanimously resolved on September 26, 1985 to recommend to the Minnesota Supreme Court that in the event that any judgeships are "transferred" to the Tenth Judicial District, that chambers for such judgeships be located as follows: First judgeship - Kanabec County; Second judgeship - Anoka County; Third judgeship - Washington County; and Fourth judgeship - location of chambers to be determined at the time said judgeship becomes available based on then existing need. These recommendations by the Tenth Judicial District judges are based on weighted caseload statistics and the relation of chamber assignment to judicial need as calculated on October 9, 1985 by the Tenth Judicial District Administration (see Exhibit 7 attached hereto). This Exhibit indicates that the so-called PICK counties (Pine, Isanti, Chisago, Kanabec) are now staffed at 71% of their judicial need, while Anoka County is staffed at 86% of its current judicial need. Washington County is at 93% of its current judicial need and Sherburne/Wright Counties at 93% of their judicial need. In addition, Kanabec County is the only county in the Tenth Judicial District that does not now, and has never had, a judge chambered at its courthouse. In the interest of service to law enforcement, governmental units and the citizens of Kanabec County, the judges of the Tenth Judicial District consider it appropriate and necessary that the next available judgeship be chambered in Kanabec County. Any judge chambered in Kanabec

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County would serve, by assignment, primarily in the 4 PICK counties in rotation with the four judges currently assigned in those counties and elsewhere throughout the District as needed.

In summary, the Tenth District will be very pleased if the next two available judgeships are transferred to the Tenth District. The information provided by this letter and attached exhibits supports that result, and is furnished to assist the Supreme Court in the difficult task of deciding the ranking of other judgeships that may become available.

The judges and staff of the Tenth District stand ready to provide any further information or assistance requested to the end that the people of the Tenth District and the State of Minnesota can receive the best possible service from the trial court system. I would like the opportunity to make an oral presentation at the hearing on October 15.

Respectfully submitted,

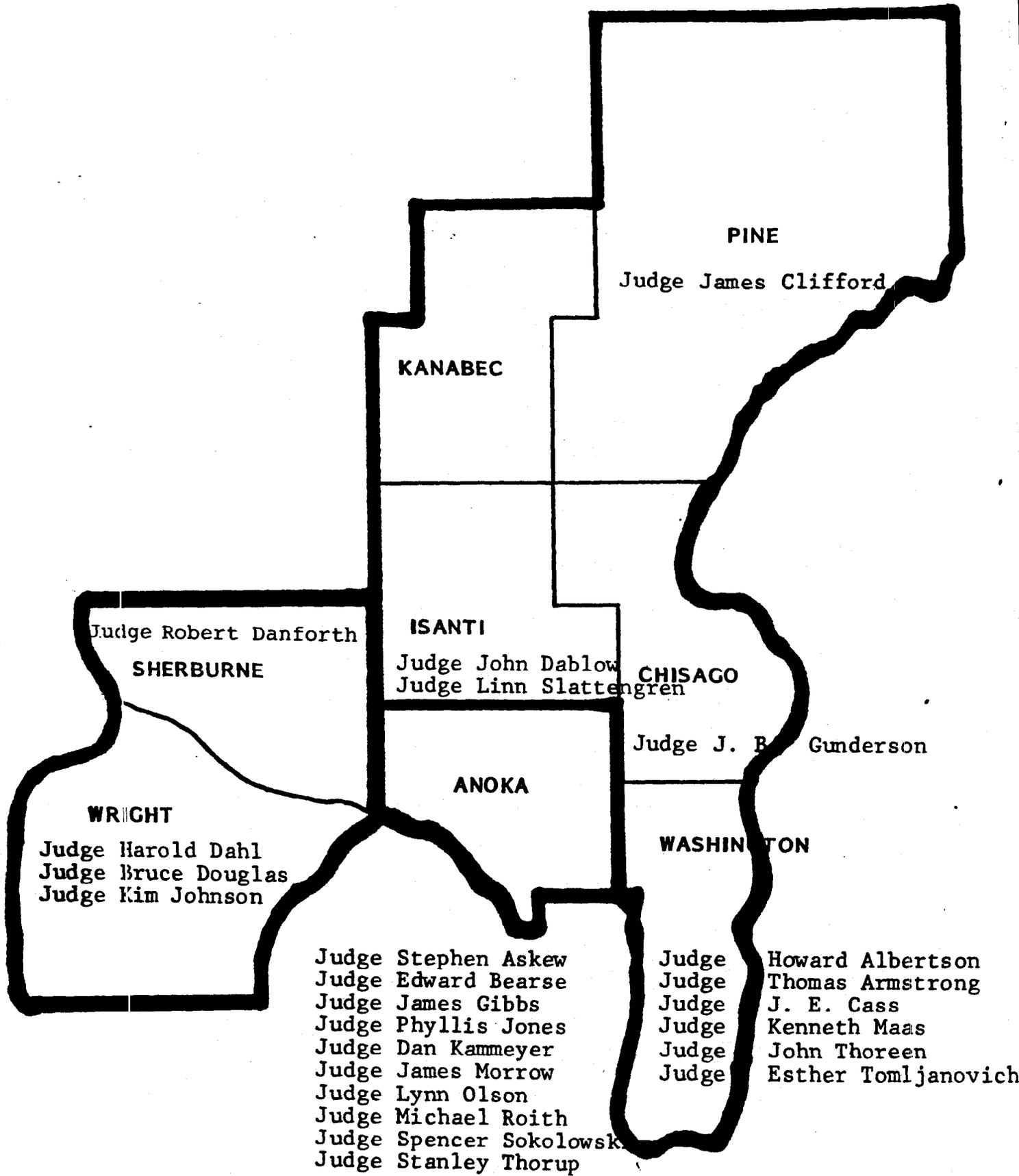


Bruce R. Douglas
Chief Judge, Tenth Judicial District

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TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



MINNESOTA WEIGHTED CASELOAD PROJECT
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF FTE JUDICIAL POSITIONS
1980 THROUGH 1984 COMPARED TO
NUMBER OF JUDGES AND PARA-JUDICIALS ON BOARD

August 1, 1985

Judicial District and Court	1980(1) WCL	1981(2) WCL	1982 WCL	1983 WCL	1984(3) WCL	ACTUAL
FIRST	22.8	22.7	22.5	22.0	22.9	20(11)
County	12.7	13.7	13.3	13.5	14.4	11
District	10.0	9.0	9.2	8.5	8.5	9
SECOND	29.4	26.5	26.3	27.2	27.1	33.2(5)
Municipal	10.2	8.0	7.6	8.5	8.2	11.5
District	19.1	18.6	18.7	18.7	18.9	21.7
THIRD	19.2	20.2	19.5	19.0	(4)	22.5
County	12.9	13.4	13.1	13.0	(consolidated)	16.5(6)
District	6.3	6.8	6.4	6.0		6.0
FOURTH	56.3	59.1	60.8		(consolidated	58(7)
Municipal	16.0	17.7(8)	19.6		civil docket)	20
District	40.3	41.3	41.2			38
FIFTH	15.1	16.5	15.5	15.2	15.3	21
County	10.1	11.0	10.4	10.6	10.8	16
District	5.0	5.5	5.1	4.6	4.5	5
SIXTH	18.1	16.0	15.0	14.7	14.3	19.0
County	10.4	9.9	9.0	9.4	9.5	13.0(9)
District	7.7	6.1	6.0	5.3	4.8	6.0
SEVENTH	18.0	20.0	18.6	18.2	(consolidated)	19
County	11.2	12.7	11.5	12.0		15
District	6.7	7.3	7.1	6.2		4
EIGHTH	9.1	9.7	9.6	8.5	8.8	13
County	5.8	6.4	5.9	5.6	5.9	10
District	3.3	3.3	3.7	2.9	2.9	3
NINTH	18.2	18.8	17.3	18.2	18.7	20
County	9.8	11.1	10.5	11.1	11.4	14
District	8.5	7.7	6.9	7.1	7.3	6
TENTH	26.1	28.9	27.1	27.4	(consolidated)	23(11)
County	16.0	16.4	17.3	18.1		13
District	10.1	12.6	9.8	9.2		10

EXHIBIT 2

NOTE: WCL estimates for county/municipal and district court are based on the jurisdiction of those courts. Workload is measured where cases are filed, and does not take into account current patterns of cross-assignment of county/municipal and district court judges. Referee positions have been equaled with judicial positions in the computation of "actual" positions. However, because referees' powers and duties are statutorily limited, it is uncertain whether an exact equivalency between the two positions does exist.

- (1) 1980 WCL estimates equal the published estimates after rounding-up all fractions at the court type and district level.
- (2) For 1981 through 1984 gross misdemeanor cases were moved into county/municipal court for the purposes of workload estimation.
- (3) 1984 calculated from annualized SJIS caseload statistics through 9/30/84.
- (4) WCL judge need and over/under staffing calculated through last full year before district consolidation. Post consolidation WCL estimates unavailable due to case weighting scheme based on court jurisdiction.
- (5) Includes 8.7 FTE referees and .5 FTE per diem conciliation court referees. Excludes 2.0 FTE administrative hearing officers.
- (6) Includes .5 FTE judicial officers.
- (7) Includes 14 FTE referees in district court and 3 FTE per diem conciliation court referees. Excludes 4.0 FTE administrative hearing officers.
- (8) The sum of the positions in county and district court may not equal the total for the district due to rounding.
- (9) Includes 5.0 FTE judicial officers. Excludes .2 FTE administrative hearing officers.
- (10) For 1982 all family cases in the Tenth Judicial District were credited to county court for the purposes of workload estimation per request of judicial district administrator.
- (11) The 1985 Legislature has authorized 3 new judgeships: 2 county court positions in the First Judicial District and one district court position in the Tenth Judicial District. These positions have yet to be filled.

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TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
INDICATION OF JUDGES NEEDED
USING FIRST HALF 1985 DATA
FOR 1986

10/09/85MLH

TOTAL

	JUDGES PER WEIGHTED CASELOAD	ALLOCATION OF EXIST. RESOURCES
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ANOKA	11.59	9.94
CHISAGO	2.03	1.74
ISANTI	1.47	1.26
KANABEC	0.96	0.82
PINE	1.15	0.99
SHERBURNE	1.66	1.42
WASHINGTON	6.46	5.54
WRIGHT	2.66	2.28

TOTAL	27.98	24.00
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ANOKA	11.59	9.94
CH/IS/K/PI	5.61	4.81
SHER/WR	4.32	3.71
WASHINGTON	6.46	5.54

TOTAL	27.98	24.00
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EXHIBIT 3

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT 10/09/85MLH
 INDICATION OF JUDGES NEEDED BY CASE TYPE

COUNTY = ANOKA USING FIRST HALF 1985 DATA(ANNUALIZED)

	ACTIVATIONS	JUDGES REQUIRED	DAYS REQUIRED	JUDGES ALLOCATED	DAYS ALLOCATED	0
CIVIL		2.85	562.01	0.00	0.00	CASE WT
PERS INJRY	276	0.79	155	0.00	0	230.04
CONTRACT	154	0.02	3	0.00	0	215.00
PROP DAMGE	44	0.28	56	0.00	0	290.75
OTHR CIVIL	694	0.20	39	0.00	0	193.40
WR DEATH	22	0.03	6	0.00	0	337.12
MALPRTCE	6	0.06	11	0.00	0	115.23
CONDMNTN	16	0.97	192	0.00	0	182.18
UN DETNR	1248	0.16	32	0.00	0	45.50
TR JUDGMNT	1034	0.09	19	0.00	0	338.65
DE JUDGMNT	772	0.05	10	0.00	0	657.56
TRUST	0	0.09	18	0.00	0	446.00
UN DETNR	1248	0.09	19	0.00	0	5.76
TR JUDGMNT	1034	0.00	1	0.00	0	.15
DE JUDGMNT	772	0.01	2	0.00	0	.91
TRUST	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	60.078
PROBATE		0.41	80	0.00	0	
SUP ADMIN	58	0.03	6	0.00	0	39.09
UNS ADMIN	56	0.02	4	0.00	0	24.54
INF UNSUP	92	0.03	6	0.00	0	24.54
OTH PROB	0	0	0	0.00	0	39.09
GUARD/CON	78	0.15	29	0.00	0	135.56
COMMITMNT	56	0.18	35	0.00	0	224.96
FAMILY		1.77	348	0.00	0	
DISSOLUTN	1000	1.04	206	0.00	0	76.14
SUPPORT	954	0.31	61	0.00	0	28.75
ADOPTION	158	0.05	10	0.00	0	25.05
OT FAM/JUV	246	0.36	71	0.00	0	104.27
JUVENILE		1.07	212	0.00	0	
DEL/STATUS	1134	0.67	133	0.00	0	42.42
DEPND/NEG	154	0.27	53	0.00	0	124.21
TRM P RGT	6	0.01	2	0.00	0	95.70
JUV TRAFF	1032	0.13	25	0.00	0	8.71
CRIMINAL		5.17	1019	0.00	0	
MISD/TRAF	37310	2.53	499	0.00	0	4.85
GR MISD	688	1.06	209	0.00	0	91.07
FELONY	570	1.58	312	0.00	0	164.23
CONCILIATN	4464	0.32	64	0.00	0	5.18
TOTAL NEEDED ==>		11.59	2284	0.00	0	

EXHIBIT 3

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
INDICATION OF JUDGES NEEDED BY CASE TYPE

10/09/85MLH

COUNTY = CHISAGO USING FIRST HALF 1985 DATA(ANNUALIZED)

	ACTIVATIONS	JUDGES REQUIRED	DAYS REQUIRED	JUDGES ALLOCATED	DAYS ALLOCATED	CASE WT
CIVIL		0.44	86.59	0.00	0.00	
PERS INJRY	40	0.11	22	0.00	0	230.04
CONTRACT	54	0.14	27	0.00	0	290.75
PROP DANGE	6	0.01	3	0.00	0	337.12
OTHR CIVIL	72	0.08	16	0.00	0	182.18
WR DEATH	2	0.01	2	0.00	0	338.65
MALPRICE	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	657.56
CONDMNTN	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	446.00
UN DETNR	40	0.00	1	0.00	0	5.76
TR JUDGMNT	374	0.00	0	0.00	0	.15
DE JUDGMNT	78	0.00	0	0.00	0	.91
TRUST	2	0.00	0	0.00	0	60.078
PROBATE		0.11	21	0.00	0	
SUP ADMIN	46	0.03	6	0.00	0	39.09
UNS ADMIN	32	0.01	2	0.00	0	24.54
INF UNSUP	18	0.01	1	0.00	0	24.54
OTH PROB	2	0.00	0	0.00	0	39.09
GUARD/CON	8	0.02	3	0.00	0	135.56
COMMITMNT	12	0.04	8	0.00	0	224.96
FAMILY		0.28	56	0.00	0	
DISSOLUTN	126	0.15	29	0.00	0	76.14
SUPPORT	144	0.05	10	0.00	0	28.75
ADOPTION	16	0.01	1	0.00	0	25.05
OT FAM/JUV	48	0.08	15	0.00	0	104.27
JUVENILE		0.11	22	0.00	0	
DEL/STATUS	98	0.06	13	0.00	0	42.42
DEPND/NEG	14	0.03	5	0.00	0	124.21
TRM P RGT	4	0.01	1	0.00	0	95.70
JUV TRAFF	106	0.01	3	0.00	0	8.71
CRIMINAL		1.03	203	0.00	0	
MISD/TRAF	6044	0.46	90	0.00	0	4.85
GR MISD	138	0.21	42	0.00	0	91.07
FELONY	130	0.36	71	0.00	0	164.23
CONCILIATN	752	0.06	12	0.00	0	5.18
TOTAL NEEDED ==>		2.03	400	0.00	0	

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TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT 10/09/85MLH
 INDICATION OF JUDGES NEEDED BY CASE TYPE

COUNTY = ISANTI USING FIRST HALF 1985 DATA(ANNUALIZED)

	ACTIVATIONS	JUDGES REQUIRED	DAYS REQUIRED	JUDGES ALLOCATED	DAYS ALLOCATED	0	
CIVIL		0.22	42.59	0.00	0.00		CASE WT
PERS INJRY	10	0.03	6	0.00	0		230.04
		0.00	0	0.00	0		215.00
CONTRACT	8	0.02	4	0.00	0		290.75
		0.01	2	0.00	0		193.40
PROP DAMGE	2	0.00	0	0.00	0		337.12
		0.00	1	0.00	0		115.23
OTHR CIVIL	62	0.11	21	0.00	0		182.18
		0.01	2	0.00	0		45.50
WR DEATH	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		338.65
MALPRICE	4	0.03	7	0.00	0		657.56
CONDMNTN	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		446.00
UN DETNR	50	0.00	1	0.00	0		5.76
TR JUDGMNT	322	0.00	0	0.00	0		.15
DE JUDGMNT	90	0.00	0	0.00	0		.91
TRUST	2	0.00	0	0.00	0		60.078
PROBATE		0.06	12	0.00	0		
SUP ADMIN	16	0.01	2	0.00	0		39.09
UNS ADMIN	20	0.01	2	0.00	0		24.54
INF UNSUP	10	0.00	1	0.00	0		24.54
OTH PROB	8	0.00	1	0.00	0		39.09
GUARD/CON	10	0.02	4	0.00	0		135.56
COMMITMNT	4	0.01	3	0.00	0		224.96
FAMILY		0.20	40	0.00	0		
DISSOLUTN	92	0.11	21	0.00	0		76.14
SUPPORT	92	0.03	7	0.00	0		28.75
ADOPTION	8	0.00	1	0.00	0		25.05
OT FAM/JUV	36	0.06	12	0.00	0		104.27
JUVENILE		0.25	49	0.00	0		
DEL/STATUS	218	0.14	28	0.00	0		42.42
DEPND/NEG	30	0.06	11	0.00	0		124.21
TRM P RGT	22	0.03	6	0.00	0		95.70
JUV TRAFF	98	0.01	3	0.00	0		8.71
CRIMINAL		0.68	133	0.00	0		
MISD/TRAF	4228	0.32	63	0.00	0		4.85
GR MISD	74	0.11	22	0.00	0		91.07
FELONY	88	0.24	48	0.00	0		164.23
CONCILIATN	824	0.07	13	0.00	0		5.18
TOTAL NEEDED ==>		1.47	290	0.00	0		

EXHIBIT 3

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT 10/09/85MLH
 INDICATION OF JUDGES NEEDED BY CASE TYPE

COUNTY = KANABEC USING FIRST HALF 1985 DATA(ANNUALIZED)

ACTIVATIONS	JUDGES REQUIRED	DAYS REQUIRED	JUDGES ALLOCATED	DAYS ALLOCATED	0	
CIVIL		0.31	60.76	0.00	0.00	CASE WT
PERS INJRY	10	0.03	6	0.00	0	230.04
		0.00	0	0.00	0	215.00
CONTRACT	30	0.11	22	0.00	0	290.75
		0.00	0	0.00	0	193.40
PROP DAMGE	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	337.12
		0.00	0	0.00	0	115.23
OTHR CIVIL	92	0.13	26	0.00	0	182.18
		0.02	5	0.00	0	45.50
WR DEATH	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	338.65
MALPRTCE	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	657.56
CONDMNTN	2	0.01	2	0.00	0	446.00
UN DETNR	12	0.00	0	0.00	0	5.76
TR JUDGMNT	266	0.00	0	0.00	0	.15
DE JUDGMNT	42	0.00	0	0.00	0	.91
TRUST	2	0.00	0	0.00	0	60.078
PROBATE		0.04	7	0.00	0	
SUP ADMIN	12	0.01	1	0.00	0	39.09
UNS ADMIN	8	0.00	1	0.00	0	24.54
INF UNSUP	12	0.00	1	0.00	0	24.54
OTH PROB	6	0.00	1	0.00	0	39.09
GUARD/CON	2	0.00	1	0.00	0	135.56
COMMITMNT	4	0.01	3	0.00	0	224.96
FAMILY		0.08	16	0.00	0	
DISSOLUTN	44	0.05	10	0.00	0	76.14
SUPPORT	20	0.01	1	0.00	0	28.75
ADOPTION	6	0.00	0	0.00	0	25.05
OT FAM/JUV	12	0.02	4	0.00	0	104.27
JUVENILE		0.08	16	0.00	0	
DEL/STATUS	58	0.04	8	0.00	0	42.42
DEPND/NEG	12	0.02	5	0.00	0	124.21
TRM P RGT	10	0.01	3	0.00	0	95.70
JUV TRAFF	54	0.01	1	0.00	0	8.71
CRIMINAL		0.42	83	0.00	0	
MISD/TRAF	2394	0.18	36	0.00	0	4.85
GR MISD	74	0.11	22	0.00	0	91.07
FELONY	46	0.13	25	0.00	0	164.23
CONCILIATN	394	0.03	6	0.00	0	5.18
TOTAL NEEDED ==>		0.96	190	0.00	0	

EXHIBIT 3

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT 10/09/85MLH
 INDICATION OF JUDGES NEEDED BY CASE TYPE

COUNTY = PINE USING FIRST HALF 1985 DATA(ANNUALIZED)

	ACTIVATIONS	JUDGES REQUIRED	DAYS REQUIRED	JUDGES ALLOCATED	DAYS ALLOCATED	CASE WT
CIVIL		0.28	54.93	0.00	0.00	
PERS INJRY	24	0.07	14	0.00	0	230.04
CONTRACT	26	0.10	19	0.00	0	290.75
PROP DAMGE	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	193.40
OTHR CIVIL	72	0.09	17	0.00	0	337.12
WR DEATH	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	115.23
MALPRTCE	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	182.18
CONDMNTN	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	45.50
UN DETNR	24	0.00	0	0.00	0	338.65
TR JUDGMNT	242	0.00	0	0.00	0	657.56
DE JUDGMNT	72	0.00	0	0.00	0	446.00
TRUST	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	5.76
PROBATE		0.09	18	0.00	0	.15
SUP ADMIN	22	0.01	3	0.00	0	.91
UNS ADMIN	14	0.01	1	0.00	0	60.078
INF UNSUP	2	0.00	0	0.00	0	
OTH PROB	16	0.01	2	0.00	0	
GUARD/CON	10	0.02	4	0.00	0	
COMMITMNT	12	0.04	8	0.00	0	
FAMILY		0.13	26	0.00	0	
DISSOLUTN	50	0.06	11	0.00	0	76.14
SUPPORT	84	0.03	6	0.00	0	28.75
ADOPTION	12	0.00	1	0.00	0	25.05
OT FAM/JUV	24	0.04	8	0.00	0	104.27
JUVENILE		0.13	25	0.00	0	
DEL/STATUS	112	0.07	15	0.00	0	42.42
DEPND/NEG	20	0.04	8	0.00	0	124.21
TRM P RGT	2	0.00	1	0.00	0	95.70
JUV TRAFF	94	0.01	3	0.00	0	8.71
CRIMINAL		0.48	95	0.00	0	
MISD/TRAF	2770	0.21	41	0.00	0	4.85
GR MISD	58	0.09	18	0.00	0	91.07
FELONY	66	0.18	36	0.00	0	164.23
CONCILIATN	498	0.04	8	0.00	0	5.18
TOTAL NEEDED ==>		1.15	227	0.00	0	

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TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT 10/09/85MLH
 INDICATION OF JUDGES NEEDED BY CASE TYPE

COUNTY = SHERBURNE USING FIRST HALF 1985 DATA(ANNUALIZED)

	ACTIVATIONS	JUDGES REQUIRED	DAYS REQUIRED	JUDGES ALLOCATED	DAYS ALLOCATED	0
CIVIL		0.32	63.69	0.00	0.00	CASE WT
PERS INJRY	22	0.06	13	0.00	0	230.04
CONTRACT	16	0.04	8	0.00	0	215.00
PROP DAMGE	2	0.01	2	0.00	0	337.12
OTHR CIVIL	102	0.13	25	0.00	0	182.18
WR DEATH	4	0.02	3	0.00	0	338.65
MALPRICE	2	0.02	3	0.00	0	657.56
CONDMNTN	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	446.00
UN DETNR	34	0.00	1	0.00	0	5.76
TR JUDGMNT	178	0.00	0	0.00	0	.15
DE JUDGMNT	108	0.00	0	0.00	0	.91
TRUST	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	60.078
PROBATE		0.08	15	0.00	0	
SUP ADMIN	16	0.01	2	0.00	0	39.09
UNS ADMIN	30	0.01	2	0.00	0	24.54
INF UNSUP	18	0.01	1	0.00	0	24.54
OTH PROB	4	0.00	0	0.00	0	39.09
GUARD/CON	6	0.01	2	0.00	0	135.56
COMMITMNT	10	0.04	7	0.00	0	224.96
FAMILY		0.24	47	0.00	0	
DISSOLUTN	118	0.14	27	0.00	0	76.14
SUPPORT	120	0.04	9	0.00	0	28.75
ADOPTION	16	0.01	1	0.00	0	25.05
OT FAM/JUV	32	0.05	10	0.00	0	104.27
JUVENILE		0.21	41	0.00	0	
DEL/STATUS	196	0.13	25	0.00	0	42.42
DEPND/NEG	24	0.05	9	0.00	0	124.21
TRM P RGT	8	0.01	2	0.00	0	95.70
JUV TRAFF	152	0.02	4	0.00	0	8.71
CRIMINAL		0.78	154	0.00	0	
MISD/TRAF	6052	0.46	90	0.00	0	4.85
GR MISD	106	0.16	32	0.00	0	91.07
FELONY	58	0.16	32	0.00	0	164.23
CONCILIATN	382	0.03	6	0.00	0	5.18
TOTAL NEEDED ==>		1.66	327	0.00	0	

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TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
INDICATION OF JUDGES NEEDED BY CASE TYPE

10/09/85MLH

COUNTY = WASHINGTON USING FIRST HALF 1985 DATA(ANNUALIZED)

	ACTIVATIONS	JUDGES REQUIRED	DAYS REQUIRED	JUDGES ALLOCATED	DAYS ALLOCATED	0
CIVIL		1.78	351.03	0.00	0.00	CASE WT
PERS INJRY	168	0.49	96	0.00	0	230.04
		0.00	1	0.00	0	215.00
CONTRACT	152	0.23	45	0.00	0	290.75
		0.23	45	0.00	0	193.40
PROP DAMGE	10	0.00	1	0.00	0	337.12
		0.01	3	0.00	0	115.23
OTHR CIVIL	364	0.57	112	0.00	0	182.18
		0.07	14	0.00	0	45.50
WR DEATH	10	0.04	8	0.00	0	338.65
MALPRTCE	2	0.02	3	0.00	0	657.56
CONDMNTN	12	0.07	13	0.00	0	446.00
UN DETNR	572	0.04	9	0.00	0	5.76
TR JUDGMNT	602	0.00	0	0.00	0	.15
DE JUDGMNT	410	0.01	1	0.00	0	.91
TRUST	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	60.078
PROBATE		0.24	47	0.00	0	
SUP ADMIN	24	0.01	3	0.00	0	39.09
UNS ADMIN	78	0.03	5	0.00	0	24.54
INF UNSUP	68	0.02	5	0.00	0	24.54
OTH PROB	22	0.01	2	0.00	0	39.09
GUARD/CON	42	0.08	16	0.00	0	135.56
COMMITMNT	26	0.08	16	0.00	0	224.96
FAMILY		1.06	209	0.00	0	
DISSOLUTN	590	0.62	121	0.00	0	76.14
SUPPORT	268	0.09	17	0.00	0	28.75
ADOPTION	90	0.03	6	0.00	0	25.05
OT FAM/JUV	226	0.33	65	0.00	0	104.27
JUVENILE		0.54	106	0.00	0	
DEL/STATUS	546	0.32	64	0.00	0	42.42
DEPND/NEG	56	0.10	19	0.00	0	124.21
TRM P RGT	18	0.02	5	0.00	0	95.70
JUV TRAFF	754	0.09	18	0.00	0	8.71
CRIMINAL		2.72	536	0.00	0	
MISD/TRAF	19706	1.34	263	0.00	0	4.85
GR MISD	318	0.49	96	0.00	0	91.07
FELONY	322	0.89	176	0.00	0	164.23
CONCILIATN	1710	0.12	24	0.00	0	5.18
TOTAL NEEDED ==>		6.46	1273	0.00	0	

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TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
INDICATION OF JUDGES NEEDED BY CASE TYPE

10/09/85MLH

COUNTY = WRIGHT USING FIRST HALF 1985 DATA(ANNUALIZED)

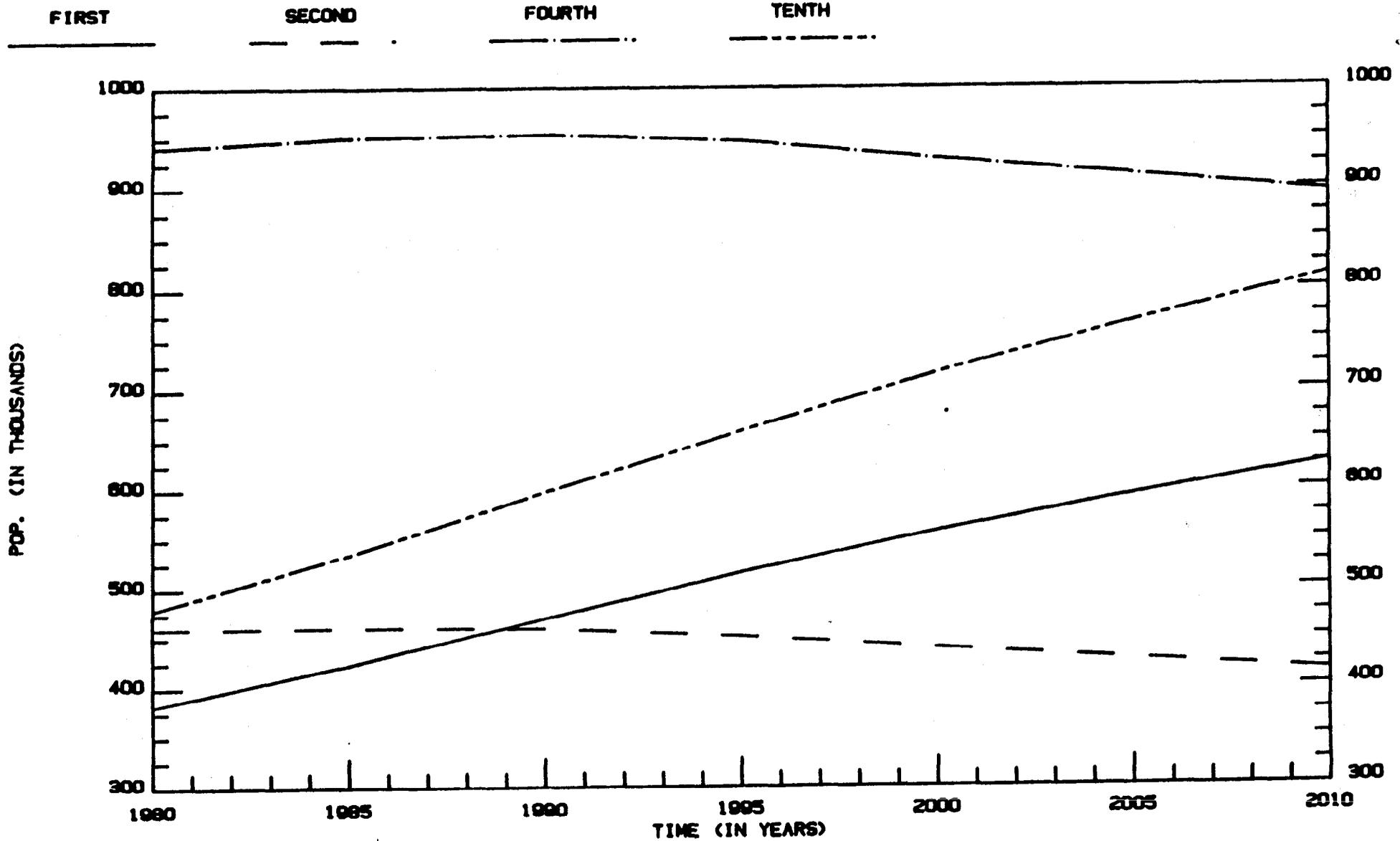
ACTIVATIONS	JUDGES REQUIRED	DAYS REQUIRED	JUDGES ALLOCATED	DAYS ALLOCATED	0	CASE WT
CIVIL		0.63	124.17	0.00	0.00	
PERS INJRY	34	0.10	20	0.00	0	230.04
CONTRACT	18	0.07	13	0.00	0	290.75
PROP DAMGE	2	0.00	1	0.00	0	337.12
OTHR CIVIL	282	0.32	63	0.00	0	182.18
WR DEATH	6	0.03	5	0.00	0	338.65
MALPRTCE	2	0.02	3	0.00	0	657.56
CONDMNTN	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	446.00
UN DETNR	88	0.01	1	0.00	0	5.76
TR JUDGMNT	282	0.00	0	0.00	0	.15
DE JUDGMNT	218	0.00	1	0.00	0	.91
TRUST	12	0.01	2	0.00	0	60.078
PROBATE		0.16	32	0.00	0	
SUP ADMIN	92	0.05	10	0.00	0	39.09
UNS ADMIN	22	0.01	1	0.00	0	24.54
INF UNSUP	14	0.00	1	0.00	0	24.54
OTH PROB	30	0.02	3	0.00	0	39.09
GUARD/CON	32	0.06	12	0.00	0	135.56
COMMITMNT	8	0.03	5	0.00	0	224.96
FAMILY		0.39	77	0.00	0	
DISSOLUTN	204	0.21	42	0.00	0	76.14
SUPPORT	172	0.06	11	0.00	0	28.75
ADOPTION	40	0.01	3	0.00	0	25.05
OT FAM/JUV	74	0.11	21	0.00	0	104.27
JUVENILE		0.36	70	0.00	0	
DEL/STATUS	438	0.26	51	0.00	0	42.42
DEPND/NEG	32	0.06	11	0.00	0	124.21
TRM P RGT	8	0.01	2	0.00	0	95.70
JUV TRAFF	242	0.03	6	0.00	0	8.71
CRIMINAL		1.06	208	0.00	0	
MISD/TRAF	6620	0.45	88	0.00	0	4.85
GR MISD	132	0.20	40	0.00	0	91.07
FELONY	146	0.41	80	0.00	0	164.23
CONCILIATN	856	0.06	12	0.00	0	5.18
TOTAL NEEDED ==>		2.66	524	0.00	0	

PROJECTED POPULATION
FOR
THE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

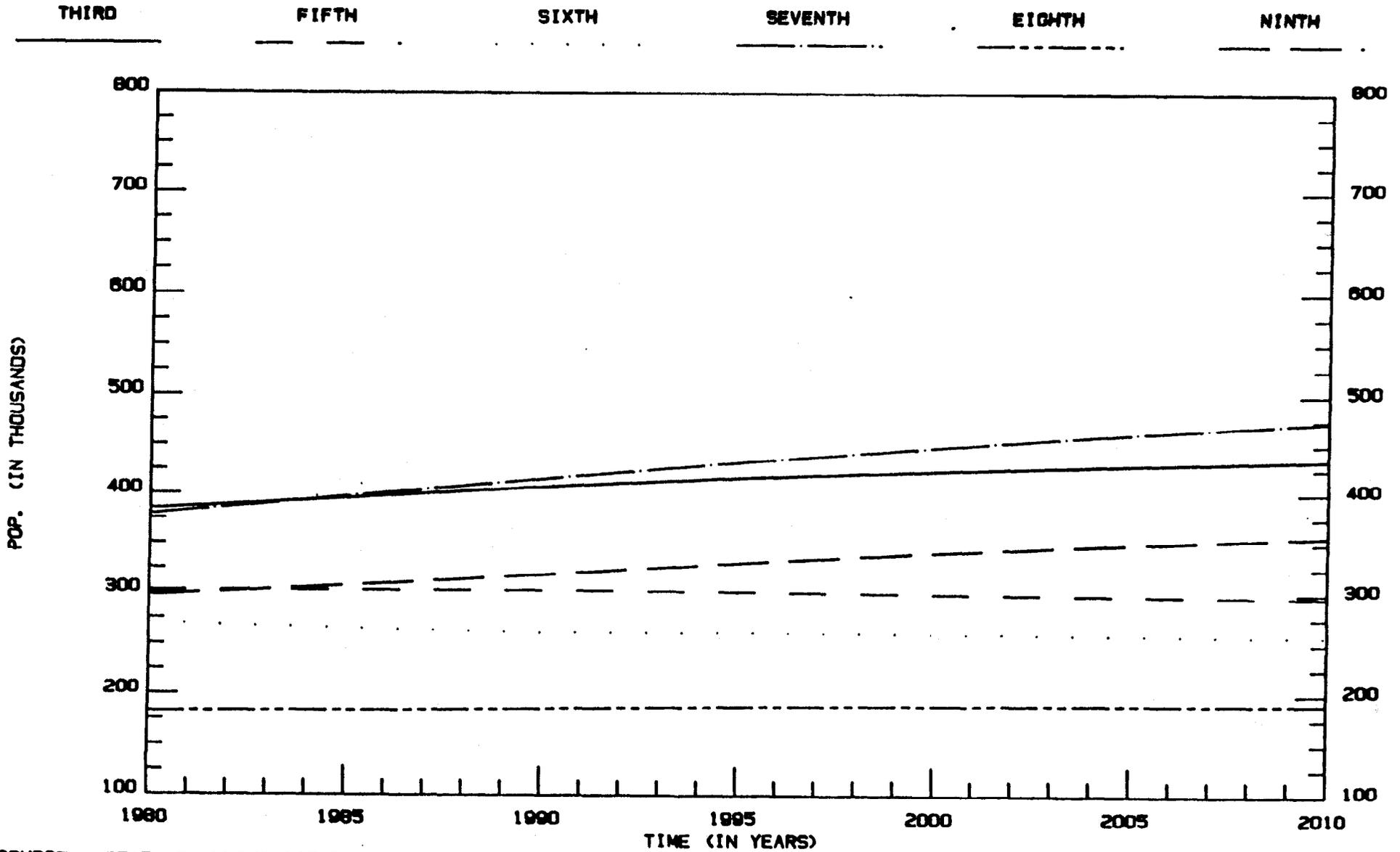
COUNTY	1980	1985	Pct. Change	1990	Pct. Change	1995	Pct. Change	2000	Pct. Change	2005	Pct. Change	2010	Pct. Change
Anoka	195998	211962	8.14	228906	7.99	244039	6.61	256436	5.08	265976	3.72	273108	2.68
Chisago	25717	29736	15.63	34522	16.09	39548	14.56	44657	12.92	49530	10.91	54382	9.80
Isanti	23600	27129	14.95	31233	15.13	35535	13.77	39943	12.40	44110	10.63	48229	9.34
Kanabec	12161	13274	9.15	14561	9.70	15883	9.08	17153	8.00	18328	6.85	19503	6.41
Pine	19871	20792	4.63	21855	5.11	23552	7.76	25127	6.69	26598	5.85	28079	5.57
Sherburne	29908	36872	23.28	45719	23.99	53092	16.13	60759	14.44	67721	11.46	74558	10.10
Washington	113571	127449	12.22	143062	12.25	158375	10.70	172052	8.64	183301	6.54	192748	5.15
Wright	58681	67601	15.20	78043	15.45	88853	13.85	99848	12.37	110560	10.73	121581	9.97
TOTALS	479,507	534,815	11.53	597,901	11.80	658,877	10.20	715,975	8.67	766,124	7.00	812,188	6.01

SOURCE: State Planning Agency, 1983

PROJECTED POPULATION FOR THE STATE OF MINNESOTA BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT



PROJECTED POPULATION FOR THE STATE OF MINNESOTA BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT



SOURCE: STATE PLANNING AGENCY, 1983

EXHIBIT 6

**RANKING OF TEN FASTEST
GROWING COUNTIES (POPULATION)**

<u>County</u>	<u>Judicial District</u>	<u>Population</u>		<u>% Chg</u>
		<u>1970</u>	<u>1980</u>	
* Sherburne	10	18,344	29,908	63.04
* Wright	10	38,933	58,962	51.44
* Chisago	10	17,492	25,717	47.02
* Isanti	10	16,560	23,600	42.51
Dakota	1	139,808	194,111	38.8
* Washington	10	83,003	113,571	36.83
Scott	1	32,423	43,784	35.0
Hubbard	9	10,583	14,098	33.2
Carver	1	28,331	37,046	30.8
* Anoka	10	154,712	195,998	26.69

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1980 Report.

RELATION OF CHAMBER ASSIGNMENTS
TO JUDICIAL NEED

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>First Half '84 Annualized</u>	<u>1984 Actual</u>	<u>First Half '85 Annualized</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Shortfall</u>	<u>% of Need*</u>
Anoka	11.03	11.51	11.59	10	1.59	.86
Washington	6.61	6.17	6.46	6	.46	.93
Wright	2.89	2.79	2.66	3	-.34	1.13
Sherburne	1.69	1.78	1.66	1	.66	.60
Chisago	1.58	1.69	2.03	1	1.03	.49
Isanti	1.36	1.47	1.47	2	-.53	1.36
Pine	.96	1.08	1.15	1	.15	.87
Kanabec	.81	.78	0.96	0	.96	.00
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TOTALS	26.93	27.27	27.98	24	3.98	.86
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<u>ASSIGNMENT DIVISION:</u>						
Anoka	11.03	11.51	11.59	10	1.59	.86
Washington	6.61	6.17	6.46	6	.46	.93
Sherburne/Wright	4.58	4.57	4.32	4	.32	.93
PICK	4.71	5.02	5.61	4	1.61	.71
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TOTALS	26.93	27.27	27.98	24	3.98	.86
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PAC MEETING
Monday, September 30, 1985

MINUTES

Present: Elaine Johnson, Nina Rothchild, Jack McKasy, Bruce Potthoff,
Carol Zazubek, Jack Davis, Ted Spencer, Kathy Lilly

Absent: Ron Olson, Laurie Nevers, Bill Tschida, Mary O'Neill, Joyce
Wood, Sandra Fletcher

Election of Officers

It was decided to hold off for another month on the election of officers. Nina suggested having a short, 20 minute meeting in conjunction with the Personnel Conference to elect officers, probably a breakfast meeting. We will send a special notice after we check the schedule.

The question was raised whether PAC meetings should continue. Some members said as personnel officers, they had heavy commitments on their time, but it was a good method of disseminating information for people who are not at the meeting. Also, some things need to be discussed in a group to find out what's going on in other agencies. Nina said, from DOER's perspective, it was a good opportunity to exchange ideas with personnel people from the agencies and to get recommendations from them.

1985 Personnel Conference

For the "Why Reinvent the Wheel" workshop, Elaine Johnson would like to borrow techniques, systems, and forms personnel offices have developed. She has thought of using the roundtable format to present ideas on specific topics at the conference and using examples from various agencies. Elaine will be sending a memo to personnel directors to collect this information and solicit help for the roundtables.

Managers CORE Program

Nina reported that a planning team from Administration, Finance, Planning, and DOER have put together a program of 12 4-hour sessions once a week. Attached is an outline of the course. By the end of October, we should have each segment in final form. The first session will be offered in January to a cross-section of managers and CES members. This will serve as a pilot with heavy evaluation. We can then alter the program if necessary. We want to highlight this program in a brochure, along with other training opportunities for managers. We may have a spin-off of this program as a handbook which would be useful for new commissioners and managers. We would hope to run the 12-week course three or four times a year. It would be part of the 80-hour requirement (48 hours) with a certificate upon completion.

MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT "CORE" COURSE

The staff agencies in the Executive Management Subcabinet have been working together to develop a core course for all state managers. The goal is to provide all managers and CES members with a program designed to cover the essential topics for managers in state government. The course will be required for all new managers, and will fulfill part of the 80-hour requirement. It will be optional for present managers.

The course will consist of a series of 1/2 day classes for a period of 12 weeks. Enrollment will be for the entire program only, and there will be a minimal charge to cover costs. It will be promoted through a special brochure which describes not only the core program, but other management training and development opportunities available to state managers.

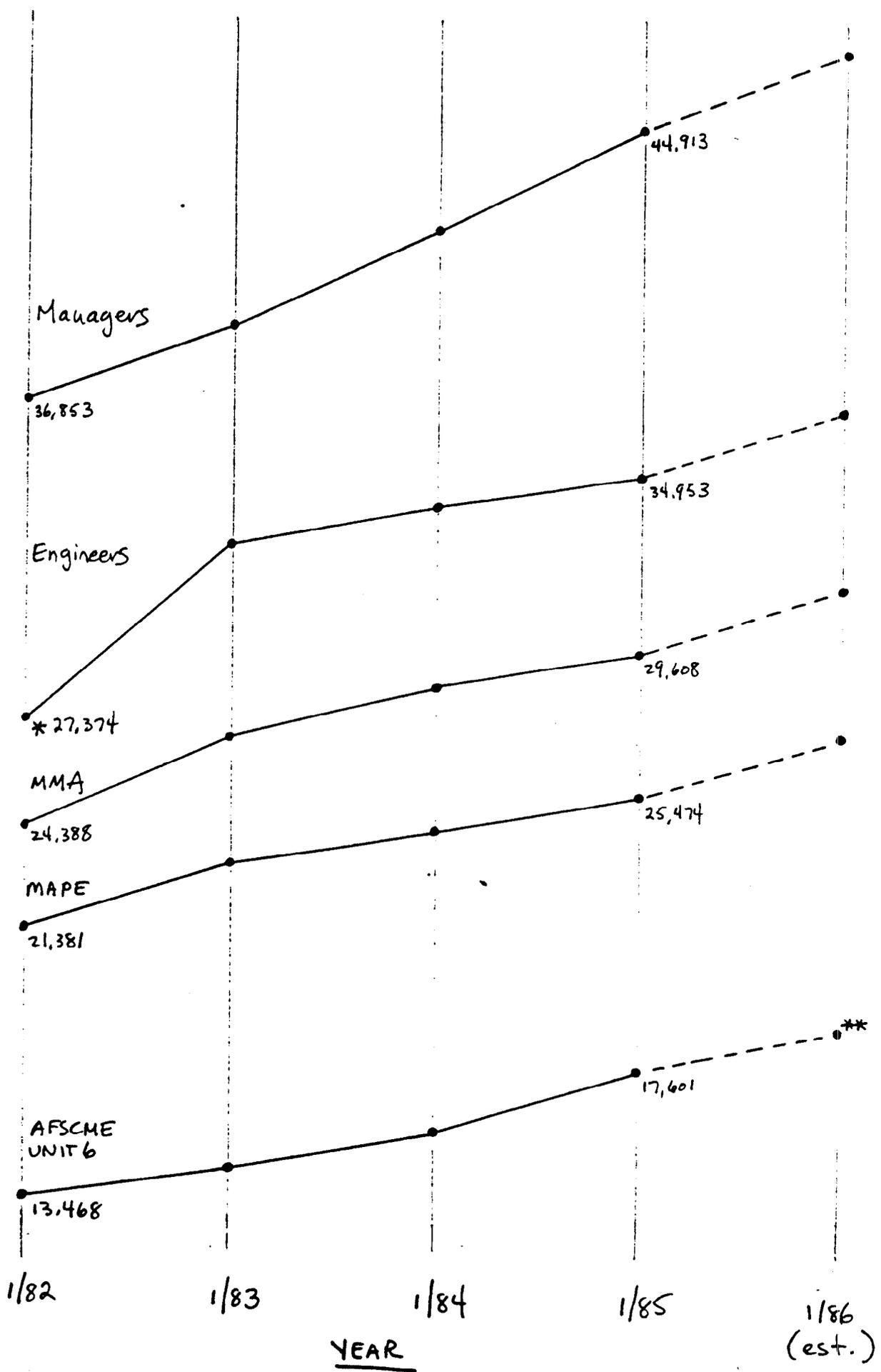
Topics will include: Managing the Public Trust; Management Systems: personnel, labor relations, finance, planning, and administration; Management Skills: the manager in transition, organizational structures, human relations, and performance management; and Managing Information: communications, and the new technologies.

Sessions are planned to begin in January 1986.

AVERAGE SALARIES OF STATE EMPLOYEES BY YEAR AND UNIT

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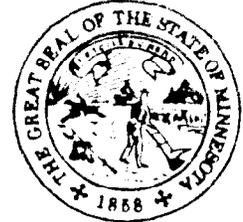


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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT OF MINNESOTA
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATOR
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MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55487

Pursuant to the Order (C-9-85-1506) issued by the Supreme Court of the State of Minnesota dated September 23, 1985, the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Minnesota responds in the following:

That the system of determining judicial needs based on weighted case-load evaluation is supported;

That the process of abolishing, transferring or filling judicial vacancies in a particular district based on weighted caseload analysis is supported;

That the authority for such a determination granted to the Supreme Court is supported;

That the ranking of relative need by judicial district as stated in the Supreme Court Order of September 23, 1985 is supported;

Further, the Fourth Judicial District wishes to point out that the weighted caseload analysis from 1980 - 1984 lists a need for 60.8 judges in the district for the year 1982. That figure has not been updated since then because of civil consolidation in the district. We submit that the need in the Fourth Judicial District is greater today than in 1982. Statistical figures have been attached to substantiate that claim. Also, the number of actual judges and para-judicials (58) in the district has been reduced by one due to the serious illness of one of its members.

To further discuss the position of the Fourth Judicial District concerning the proposed ranking and other matters, we wish to make an oral presentation before the Supreme Court at the public hearing on October 15, 1985.

FOR THE COURT:



Jack M. Provo
Court Administrator
Fourth Judicial District
State of Minnesota

Dated this 9TH day
of OCTOBER, 1985.

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MUNICIPAL DIVISION COURT ACTIVITY SUMMARY 1974 - 1984

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	TRF/CRM DEFTS ADDED MPLS	TRF/CRM DEFTS ADDED SUBURBS	TOTAL	TRF/CRM JURY DEMANDS DEFTS	IMPLIED CONSENTS BAC	GROSS MIS. CHARGES	UD'S	CIVIL COURT	CIVIL JURY	CC APPEALS COURT	CC APPEALS JURY	CITATIONS ISSUED	CONCILIATION FILINGS
1974	30,340	17,289	47,629	6,499	532		5,348	872	433	285	177		23,989
1975	30,669	18,119	48,788	7,348	329		6,360	930	499	283	191	431,159	26,826
1976	29,178	18,886	48,064	8,915	637		7,566	831	423	318	244	446,164	27,079
1977	25,341	18,681	44,022	9,167	1,273		9,193	694	389	328	284	482,783	27,149
1978	26,994	21,327	48,321	9,589	415		10,807	613	389	288	227	516,915	29,663
1979	28,847	22,490	51,337	10,895	755	195	10,197	495	257	430	268	566,127	29,664
1980	33,910	28,038	61,948	13,991	1,372	302	10,147	583	243	514	270	549,051	31,980
1981	37,659	27,882	65,541	16,258	2,084	482	9,976	600	195	623	256	561,631	32,454
1982	41,791	26,454	68,245	16,235	2,251	2,006	9,428	*	*	746	301	598,929	35,038
1983	41,033	27,673	68,705	17,699	1,220	2,591	8,393			807	367	604,633	31,077
1984	42,543	30,183	72,726	19,072	924	3,605	10,392			689	332	619,713	30,616
%Increase %(Decrease) 1982-1984	1.8	14.1	6.6	17.5	(58.9)	79.7	10.2			(7.6)	10.3	3.8	(12.6)
Thru Aug 1985	28,687	20,389	49,076	12,705	818	3,207**	8,800						22,516
%Increase %(Decrease) Aug 1984 - Aug 1985	(.01)	4.1	.01	6.9	42.01	18.6	27.48						11.26

* Hennepin County Municipal Civil Division Consolidated with District Court Civil Division November 1, 1982.

** 1985 Gross misdemeanor charges based upon filings first three quarters. Figures not available for corresponding period in 1984. Percentage increase for 1985 is an estimate based upon average monthly filings for 1984 and the first nine months of 1985.

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DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATOR

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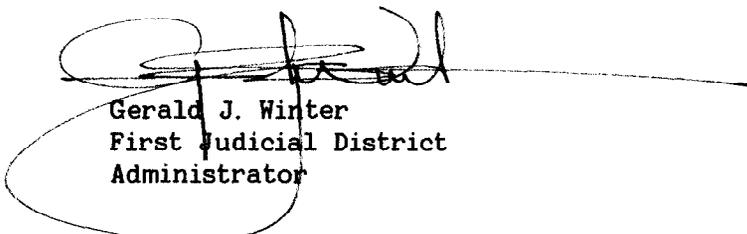
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the First Judicial District Statement Supporting the Proposed Ranking of Relative Need for Additional Judgeships. I would also request time for a brief oral presentation at the hearing if time permits.

Sincerely,


Gerald J. Winter
First Judicial District
Administrator

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**SUMMARY OF STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED RANKING OF
RELATIVE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIPS**

With the addition of two judgeships to the First Judicial District by action of the 1985 Legislature, the First District approaches its full complement of needed judicial resources. The assignment of one full-time retired judge to the district allows the district to meet its caseload demands as indicated by the most recent weighted caseload analysis. Provided the current level of retired judgeship assistance is maintained, the First Judicial District supports the proposed ranking of relative needs for additional judgeships as contemplated in the September 23, 1985 order of the Minnesota Supreme Court.



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RE: Public Hearing on Ranking of
Relative Need for Additional Judgeships

This letter is directed to you on behalf of the more than 200 attorneys who are members of the Anoka County Bar Association, practicing in the Tenth Judicial District. As president of this association, I respectfully urge that the Court allocate to the Tenth Judicial District vacancies 1, 2 and 3. This request is based upon my understanding that the Minnesota Legislature, in considering appropriations for additional judgeships, determined that the Tenth Judicial District was in need of four additional judges. I understand further that the Legislature appropriated sufficient funds for one additional judgeship in the Tenth Judicial District, but specifically stated its recognition of a need for three additional judges. It seems appropriate that the intent of the Legislature be carried out in providing the Tenth District with those three additional judges before allocating vacancies to other judicial districts.

As president of the Anoka County Bar Association I serve as a liaison to the monthly Anoka County judges meetings. Without question, the most frequent complaint which the bar association members direct me to present to the bench is their concern regarding unreasonable delay and waiting for matters or trials to be heard in the Tenth Judicial District. It has not been unusual to have 20 jury trials scheduled on the same date and time before the same judge. This necessitates appearance by counsel, parties and witnesses at the scheduled time, only to have the matter continued to a later date. A request has been made to the Bench to institute the block system of case assignment, as is in place in the Fourth Judicial District. However, the adoption of a block system has not been feasible because there is an insufficient number of judges to adequately handle the matters presently pending.

On behalf of the 21st District Bar Association, we respectfully urge the Court to follow the weighted caseload study and allocate vacancies 1, 2 and 3 to the Tenth District. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

William D. Schutter

William D. Schutter, President
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